Government of Andhra Pradesh with the Union Ministry of Finance.

(c) 33.2% of the work on Telugu Ganga Project is completed.

(d) On completion of the project, an irrigation potential to the extent of 5.75 lakh acres in the drought prone areas of Kurnool, Cuddapah Nellore and Chittoor districts will be created. Further 15 TMC of water will be made available to Tamil Nadu to cater to the drinking water requirements of Madras City.

(e) Though the Government of Andhra Pradesh have desired to invite participation of NRIs by raising resources for Telugu Ganga Project, Government of India is not in favour of mobilizing NRI resources exclusively for any State Government Project.

Telephone Connections in Country

3016. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:
SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone connections provided during the last three years in the country State–wise;

(b) whether the demand for the new telephone connections has increased; and

(c) if so, the details of time–bound programme before the Government to provide new telephone connections?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNCIATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Number of telephone connections provided during the last three years are given in the Statement.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Department of Telecommunications has formulated draft 8th Five Year Plan (1992–97) for Telecom Development to provide 75 lakhs new telephone connections in five years thereby substantially stepping up the rate of provision of telephones.

STATEMENT

ANNEXURE

Sl. No.		*New Connection Provided yearwise*		
		1989-90	*1990-91*	*1991-92 upto January, 1992*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	26183	2699	14439
2.	Assam	2016	2931	4223
3.	Bihar	9282	11615	10006
4.	Gujarat (includes Diu, Daman & Dadra & Nagar Havel)	35635	26583	19440
5.	Haryana	11249	23328	7723
6.	Himachal Pradesh	2985	4244	2811
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	1330	1277	1446
8.	Karnataka	29305	32936	14874
9.	Kerala (includes Lakshedweep UT)	22558	28819	19893
10.	Madhya Pradesh	26743	38769	28163

Sl. No.		New Connection Provided yearwise		
		1989-90	1990-91	1991-92 upto January, 1992
1	2	3	4	5
11.	Maharashtra (includes Goa State)	93392	89858	73344
12.	North East (includes States Arunachal, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura)	1554	3375	1912
13.	Orissa	8454	10289	8407
1.	Punjab (includes Chandigarh)	21085	17948	7037
15.	Rajasthan	12268	16813	16940
16.	Tamil Nadu (includes Pondicherry)	26224	34006	17190

Sl. No.		New Connection Provided yearwise		
		1989-90	1990-91	1991-92 upto January, 1992
1	2	3	4	5
17.	Uttar Pradesh	28627	36287	27032
18.	West Bengal (includes Sikkim, Andeman & Nicobar)	20944	14615	8129
19.	Delhi (U.T.)	36393	62009	53058
	Total	416224	482651	336075